

**OFFICER DEL KUNTZ**, a Field Training Officer, Operations Division of the Billings Police Department (BPD), has been involved in law enforcement since 1977 and has worked with the BPD for the past 23 years. He is a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) instructor and member of the Hostage Negotiation Team. He is assigned to the uniform division of BPD, training new BPD recruits. The CIT program is a community effort uniting law enforcement and the community for common goals of safety, understanding, and service to mentally ill individuals and their loved ones. The CIT model encourages communities, families, law enforcement officers, and mental health professionals to act as a compass for consumers with mental illness.

**GENE DURAND, MS** received his Master of Science in Social Work from UT Austin in 1991. While working with the Department of Mental Health, Gene traveled throughout the state of Texas performing mental health service reviews and consultation, investigating private psychiatric hospitals and assisting with mental health policy development. Mr. Durand continues his work in Mental Health and does state-wide consultation with providers in Montana for adults with serious and disabling mental illness. He has 34 years of experience in adult mental health services.

**This project is funded by the Montana Mental Health Settlement Trust Fund. Registration fees for the conference help offset meals and door prizes.**

#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Register online at:  
<http://elkrivercc.org>  
or for registration assistance call  
Marilyn or Robin at  
1-888-866-3822

**Registration Fee: \$50.00**

**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 50 PAID REGISTRANTS ARE  
ELIGIBLE TO ENTER A DRAWING TO WIN  
A \$100 GIFT CARD!**

**Pre-registration is required  
SPACE IS LIMITED**

Refunds must be requested in writing  
prior to May 17, 2012;  
30% will be deducted for processing fee

**CEU's are offered for  
LCSW, LCPC, LAC, POST Council  
OPI Renewal Units are available**

#### CONFERENCE VENDORS

Showcase your organization with a display  
table. Space is limited, reserve early.  
Table reservations due by May 4, 2012.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee: \$75 Pay all fees to:  
Elk River Cultural Connections  
P.O. Box 265, Billings, MT 59101**



## **CULTURE-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PERCEPTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS WITHIN THE MONTANA CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM**

*For Mental Health Professionals,  
American Indian Cultural  
Leaders, Law Enforcement,  
Educators and others who work  
with American Indian People.*

**May 24 & 25, 2012**

Holiday Inn Downtown  
200 South Pattee Street  
Missoula, MT 59802



## CONFERENCE GOALS

Conference participants will gain.....

- ☛ A clear picture of the private/public mental health system in Montana and its work at improving cultural care to Native Americans.
- ☛ Knowledge of a unique approach to mental crisis events with cultural adaptations.
- ☛ Increased awareness and understanding of Native American cultural beliefs/values and the diverse cultural components in working with Native Americans with mental illness in Montana.
- ☛ A greater appreciation of the social and health disparities that manifest from trauma present with today's culture of Native American people and how that applies to treating Native Americans with mental illness.
- ☛ Knowledge of the problems and solutions that facilitate mental health services to Native American people in the correctional system.

Rooms have been set aside at the  
Holiday Inn Downtown

200 South Pattee Street

Missoula, MT 59802

Call: 800-399-0408, x515 no later than April 25,  
2012 to reserve your room. Mention that you are  
with the Mental Health Conference to get the  
reduced rate of \$87 + tax per night!

A credit card will be required upon check-in.

For Info Contact: Nell Eby, Director  
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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### DAY 1

8:00 am **Opening Ceremonies**

9 am - Noon

**JEFFREY SANDERS, PhD**

**Native American Culture:** A description of  
Native American Culture that will increase  
understanding of historical and contemporary  
cultural beliefs and values

Noon – 1:00 pm

**LUNCH ON OWN**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

**GENE DURAN, MSW**

**An Overview of Montana Mental Health  
System:** Provides a clear picture of the private and  
public mental health system in Montana

3:00 – 4:30 pm

**CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM**

**OFFICER DEL KUNTZ, BILLINGS POLICE DEPT.**

An overview of a unique approach to mental crisis  
events with cultural adaptations

### DAY 2

9:00 – 11:30 am

**EDUARDO DURAN, PhD**

**Effects of Trauma on Native American  
Mental Health - A More Effective  
Mental Health Treatment and Training Model  
for Law Enforcement and other Providers**  
Defines and addresses historical trauma and the  
social and health disparities that manifest from  
trauma; presentation includes not only  
identification of the problem but solutions  
to facilitate mental health services to Native  
American people in the correctional system.

11:30 – 1:00 pm

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**

1:00 – 4:30 pm

*Dr. Eduardo Duran, continued*

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**EDUARDO DURAN, PhD** has worked in Indian Country for 30 years. He was instrumental in developing clinical theory and methods that integrate ancient traditional approaches with modern western strategies in an effort to make healing relevant to Native People. Dr. Duran has published several books and articles that bring much needed dialogue to the discipline of psychology and is inspiring new interpretations to issues that afflict all human beings. In his latest book 'Healing the Soul Wound', Duran takes traditional thought and metaphor and applies these towards the development of a hybrid epistemological approach that inspires a new vision for healing of our collective soul wounds.

**JEFFREY SANDERS, PhD** teaches at Montana State University Billings. He has traveled in 40 countries, often spending extended periods of time with Indigenous people. His teaching and workshops follow an interdisciplinary approach as he stresses the influence people and land have on each other as in song, story and ceremony. He has taught at public schools, Tribal Colleges, and state university systems and was a Fulbright Travel Fellow studying in Peru and Guatemala. He recently received the Special Recognition Award from the Montana Indian Education Association and the Faculty Excellence Award from Montana State University Billings.